

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6 to 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Koga (US 5,424,815). Claims 1, 8 to 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 3,810,055). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Bain (US 5,038,680). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Friedrichs (DE 10147486). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Albus (US 2001/0045166).

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 13 to 17 have been added.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6 to 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Koga (US 5,424,815). Claims 1, 8 to 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 3,810,055).

Koga discloses a toner 8 on a toner carrier 25.

Claim 1 recites a device for processing a printing substrate comprising:

a rotatable carrier body; and

at least one processing tool accommodated on the rotatable carrier body, the carrier body having, at least partially, a magnetizable coating, the magnetizable coating when magnetized holding the processing tool on the carrier body by magnetic force.

Toner 8 in Koga is not a “processing tool” and it is respectfully submitted that one of skill in the art would never consider toner a processing tool. See for example [0003] and [0013] of the present specification. A consumable such as toner or ink clearly is not a tool.

Withdrawal of the rejections under Koga is respectfully requested.

Wright discloses a magnetic cylinder. Around an aluminum core is a layer 12 of

ferromagnetic material such as steel. Passing completely through the steel layer 12 are a series of slots or gaps 13 in which is a strip 14 of permanent magnetic material. See Figure and col. 1, line 43 et seq. Each of the ferromagnetic sections 12 then is polarized to attract and hold a ferromagnetic article such as a steel-backed printing plate saddle. See col. 2, lines 16 to 39.

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at least one processing tool accommodated on the rotatable carrier body, the carrier body having, at least partially, a magnetizable coating, the magnetizable coating when magnetized holding the processing tool on the carrier body by magnetic force.

There is absolutely no teaching or disclosure of a coating in Wright. Wright rather discloses a ferromagnetic material with full gaps or grooves. Such gaps and grooves are described for example in the BACKGROUND INFORMATION section at [0004]. In addition, Wright does not disclose a processing tool, but only a printing plate which only adds toner or ink but does not process a printing substrate, as described for example in the present specification at [0003].

Withdrawal of the rejections with respect to claims 1, 8 to 10 and 12 under Wright is also respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Bain (US 5,038,680). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Friedrichs (DE 10147486). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Albus (US 2001/0045166).

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections in view of the above is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 3, 4, 5, and 11 is respectfully requested.

New Claims

Support for new claims 13 and 14 is found for example at [0009] and for claim 15 at [0011]. Support for claims 16 and 17 is found for example at [0011].

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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